

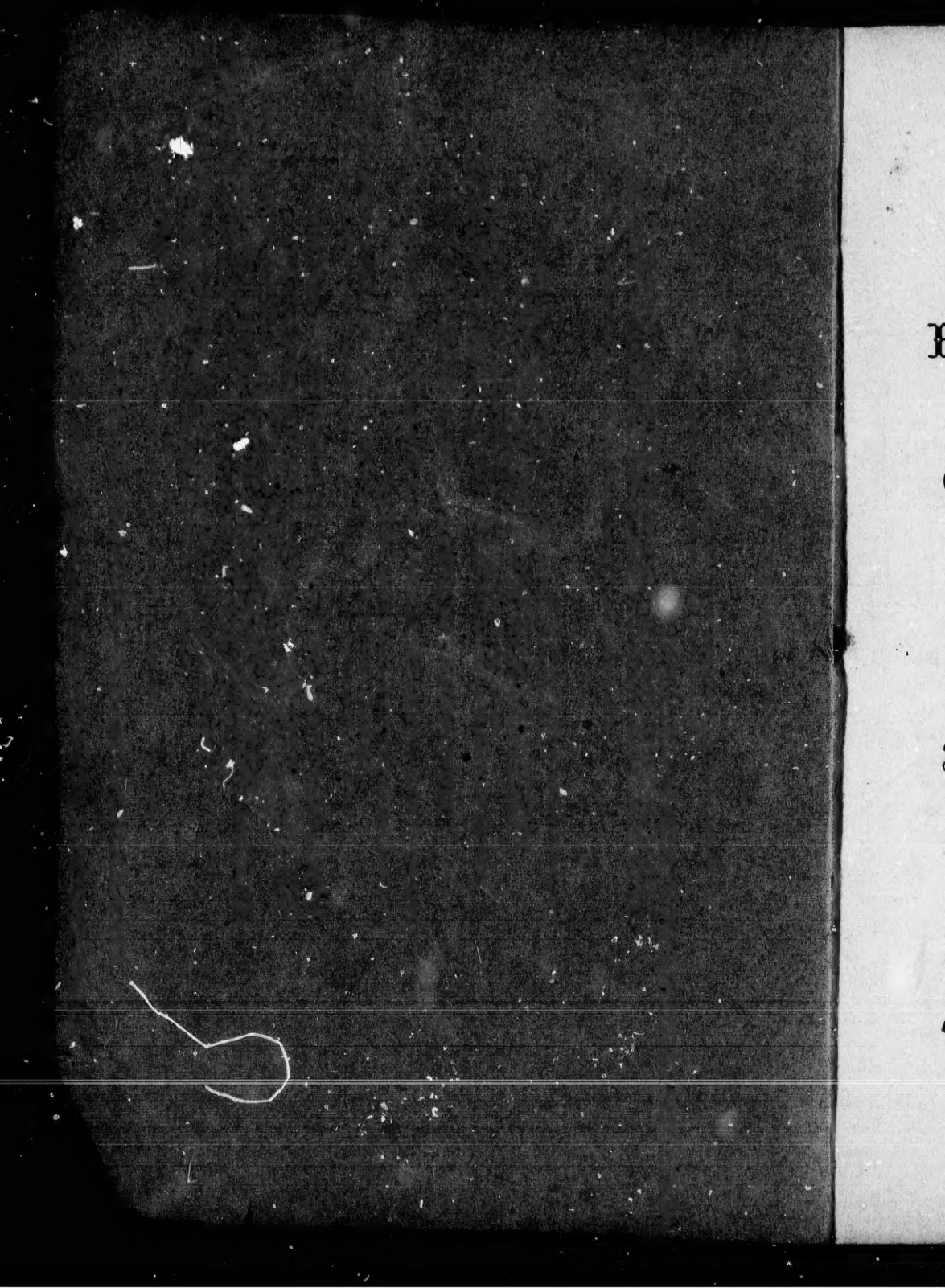
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### PREAMBLE.

FOR the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within its jurisdiction, the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the limits of the Province of Canada West—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the CONSTITUTION of all SUBORDINATE LODGES working under its immediate jurisdiction.

### ARTICLE I.—TITLE AND POWERS.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five Members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, "EUREKA LODGE, No. 30, I. O. O. F. of Canada West," and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly

granted and formally presented by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and working under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West.

## ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

### SECTION I.—ADMISSION.

Clause 1.—Candidates for Membership in this Lodge must be more than 21, and not over 50 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health.

Clause 2.—Every proposition for Membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other Member of the Lodge.

Clause 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next Meeting.

Clause 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Clause 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a Member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

Clause 6.—Every Member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitu-

tion and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a Member.

Clause 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission more than eight weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new Candidate.

Clause 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for Membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province, and to the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Clause 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection; and no person who has been twice rejected on application for Membership in the Order, shall again be proposed as a Candidate.

#### SECTION II.—DEGREES.

Clause 1.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and shall then be balloted for.

Clause 2.—If, on such ballot, his application be opposed by more than three of the Members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees in question.

Clause 3.—No certificate for Degrees shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

Clause 4.—No Brother, having been less than one

month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees ; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting.

#### SECTION III.—CLEARANCE.

Clause 1.—Any brother desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire, either personally in open Lodge, or by letter addressed to the Secretary ; and shall thereupon be entitled to his Card of Clearance, provided he be in good standing, and clear of the books.

Clause 2.—Should any Brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a Member of this Lodge and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor, the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

#### ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

##### SECTION I.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, P. Secretary, and Treasurer ; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

Clause 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the P. O. Degrees ; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G., for the office of V. G., a Secretary, Past Secretary, or a Brother who has completed, or is then serving, a second term in some inferior office or offices in this Lodge ; and no Brother shall be eligible to any of the other elective offices, unless he shall have served at

least two terms in some appointed office, and shall have attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 3.—No officer except the P. S., Treasurer, or Physician, shall be proposed for re-election to the same office, if any other qualified Brother be in nomination therefor, until two terms after passing through the chair in question.

Clause 4.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

Clause 5.—No Brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or have sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

Clause 6.—The Election of Officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By-laws determine.

Clause 7.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

Clause 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast, shall be necessary to election; should there be no

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choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

## SECTION II.—APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R., and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

Clause 2.—These Officers shall be nominated by the N. G., immediately after his Installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

Clause 3.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W. and the O. G. must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 4.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

## SECTION III.—VACANCIES.

Clause 1.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from four successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion have been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

Clause 2.—Any Vacancy in Office shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and Brothers, so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to

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SECTION IV.—DUTIES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provision of the preceding Clause of this Section.

ARTICLE IV.—SESSIONS, TERMS & RETURNS.

SECTION I.—SESSIONS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly, on such evening and at such hour as may be provided by its By-laws.

Clause 2.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-laws of the Lodge.

Clause 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present; nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order annexed to this Constitution.

Clause 4.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-word for the Term, or are introduced by an Officer of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the Whole.

## SECTION II.—TERMS.

Clause 1.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively: should the D. M., P. S. or Physician, be elected Semi-Annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if Annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

Clause 2.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

## SECTION III.—RETURNS.

Clause 1.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of C. W., immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular Return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Quarterly Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

Clause 2.—Such Semi-Annual Return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge, not being more than 10 per cent. on the Receipts of this Lodge, as shown by the Return, exclusive of the amount received on account of the W. and O. Fund.

Clause 3.—It shall also be the duty of the Officers for the Term ending on the 30th June, in every year, to forward to the Grand Lodge a Return of the Relief granted during the year ending as above, with such other particulars as may be contained in such blank form of Annual Return, as may from time to time be prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4.—A Fine of ten shillings shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annual Term, previous to the Returns required by this Section being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable, to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last-installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE V.—FUNDS.

### SECTION I.—CONTRIBUTIONS.

Clause 1.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order: Provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund, the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

Clause 2.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the Candidate, and shall not be less than One Pound Five Shillings.

Clause 3.—The Charges for Degrees shall not be

at a less rate than Five Shillings for each of the Five Degrees; and all monies received on account of Degree Charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

Clause 4.—The Contributions of each Member to the Regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at a less rate than Seven Shillings and Six Pence per Quarter: one-third of whatever may be the Quarterly Contribution to the Benefit Funds shall be placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and the remaining two-thirds to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

Clause 5.—The Lodge shall have the power of enacting such Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards, (to be applied to the General Fund) and such Fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows and Orphans' Fund,) as may be determined by the By-Laws.

#### SECTION II.—DISBURSEMENTS.

Clause 1.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or other disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; Provided always that such weekly Benefit shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the General Benefit Fund, and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

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Clause 3.—The Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral: Provided such Funeral Benefit shall not exceed one-half of the amount payable by the Lodge for a Funeral Benefit under Clause 2 of this Section.

Clause 4.—The Lodge shall, by its By-Laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress: Provided such relief shall be applied from no other than the General Fund, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings

Clause 5.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit: Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows and Orphans' Fund, within the space of twenty years, under the By-Laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

## ARTICLE VI.—PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

## SECTION I.—PENALTIES.

Clause 1.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-Laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Section II of this Article.

Clause 3.—When any Brother, suspended for an indefinite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

Clause 4.—No Brother shall be re-instated, until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then.

Clause 5.—Notice of every suspension, expulsion, or re-instatement, shall forthwith be transmitted to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province.

Clause 6.—No Brother who has been legally expelled shall be again admitted to Membership, until after the same procedure as is prescribed by Clause 3

of this Section, and the obtaining of the consent of the Grand Lodge.

## SECTION II.—TRIALS.

Clause 1.—No Member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

Clause 2.—Any charge or charges, so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question.

Clause 3.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a Member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

Clause 4.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three of their number, in their name.

Clause 5.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charges shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

Clause 6.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penal-

ty to one less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

#### SECTION III.—APPEALS.

Clause 1.—Any party interested shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge, from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 3 of the preceding section; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal, shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

Clause 2.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled, or modified, as a majority of the Members present shall determine.

Clause 3.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Canada West, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not otherwise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in the preceding Section.

#### ARTICLE VII.—REGALIA AND JEWELS.

##### SECTION I.—REGALIA.

Clause 1.—The Regalia of Members belonging to this Lodge shall be as follows:—For the Initiatory Degree, a plain white apron; for the higher Degrees, white aprons and collars trimmed with the emblematic colour of each Degree—*i. e.*, first, white; second, pink; third, blue; fourth, green; fifth, scarlet; ro-

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Clause 2.—The Officers' Regalia shall be as follows: For Degree Master, Past Grand's Regalia; Noble Grand, scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer, green collar; Physician, pink collar; Chaplain, white collar; (each of them trimmed with white or silver:) for Warden and Conductor, black sashes; O. G. and Supporters of N. G., scarlet sashes; I. G. and Supporters of V. G., blue sashes; and Scene Supporters, white sashes; aprons of all Officers to be white, edged with the colour of the collar or sash indicated for the office, and those of Elective Officers and Chaplain may also be trimmed with white or silver; the caps and robes of Officers to correspond in colour with the collar or sash of their office.

Clause 3.—All officers shall wear the Regalia of their respective offices while present in Lodge, and all Members must appear in the Regalia of the highest Degree they have received.

Clause 4.—The Regalia of P. G. shall be a scarlet collar or sash, and an apron, either white edged with scarlet, or scarlet edged with white; such collar, sash or apron may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, or, where the Brother has attained the R. P. Degree, with yellow metal.

#### SECTION II.—FUNERAL REGALIA.

Clause 1.—All Members of this Lodge, when attending, as such, the Funeral of a deceased Brother, shall wear on the left breast a black crape rosette, having a centre of the colour of the highest Degree to which

they may have attained, with a sprig of evergreen above, and, below, any jewel they may be entitled to wear.

Clause 2.—The ordinary mourning badge, to be worn in memory of a deceased Brother for one month after his Funeral, shall be a strip of black crape or silk, passed through two button holes of the left lappel of the coat.

### SECTION III.—JEWELS.

Clause 1.—The Jewels of the Officers of this Lodge shall be as follows:—For D. M., a five-pointed open star, with breastplate in centre; for N. G., crossed gavils; for V. G., hour glass; for Secretary, crossed pens; for Financial Secretary, pen and key crossed; for Treasurer, crossed keys; for Warden, crossed axes; for Conductor, crossed staves; for Guardians, crossed swords; the whole to be of white metal.

Clause 2.—Past Elective Officers shall be entitled to wear the Jewels of the offices they have passed respectively, together with the Regalia appertaining to the same, except P. G's., whose Jewel shall be a five-pointed open star with crossed gavils in centre—to be of yellow metal, when the P. G. has attained the R.P. Degree, otherwise of white metal.

### ARTICLE VIII.—BY-LAWS, ETC.

#### SECTION I.—BY-LAWS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient: Provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution, of the Constitution and By Laws of the

Grand Lodge of C. W., or the principles or custom of the Order.

Clause 2.—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the Signature of its N. G. and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

#### SECTION II.—DISPENSATIONS.

Clause 1.—The Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant Dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the foregoing Regulations, other than financial, whenever the said Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

Clause 2.—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

#### SECTION III.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.



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## MEMBERSHIP.

No. 1.—Any person between the age of 21 and 50 years, of good moral character, and in sound health, shall be eligible for membership in this Lodge.

No. 2.—Any Brother having a candidate for membership to propose, shall do so in open Lodge, and enter, or cause to be entered, in the Proposition Book, the name, age, residence and occupation of such candidate, supported by a reference to two brothers or friends to whom such candidate is personally known.

No. 3.—The proposer of a candidate, shall deposit in the hands of the P. S. at the time of proposition, the sum of Two Dollars, which shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's initiation fee, if the candidate is rejected this amount shall be returned to his proposer, if elected and failing to come forward for initiation within eight weeks, all the proceedings connected therewith shall be null and void, unless in case of sickness or absence from town, and the above proposition fee forfeited, and placed to the credit of the Widow and Orphans' Fund.

No. 4.—The proposition of a candidate shall, on being received by the Lodge, be referred to an Investigating Committee of Three Members, the majority appointed by the N. G., and the minority by the V.G., who shall report the next Lodge night, when the ballot shall be taken, and if three or more black-balls are found therein, the candidate shall be declared "rejected," otherwise he shall be declared "duly elected."

No. 5.—Every person admitted a member of this Lodge, shall, previous to his initiation, pay into its funds, fees as follows, according to his age, viz.:

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| From the age of 21 to 30..... | \$5 00 |
| " " 30 " 35.....              | 6 00   |
| " " 35 " 40.....              | 7 00   |

Over the age of 40, Fifty Cents for each additional year of age, and over 45, One Dollar for each additional year of age.

No. 6.—Any Brother holding a legal Withdrawal Card, wishing to join this Lodge, may do so, by being proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate, and if admitted shall pay a fee according to the following rule, viz.:

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| From the age of 21 to 30..... | \$3. 00 |
| " " 30 " 35.....              | 4 00    |
| " " 35 " 40.....              | 5 00    |
| " " 40 " 45.....              | 6 00    |

If over 45, fifty cents for each additional year of age.

No. 7.—Every Brother on his admission to the Lodge, shall sign an agreement to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws, and to pay all legal demands against him as long as he remains a member.

## DUES.

No. 8.—The dues to be paid by every Brother, shall be at the rate of One Dollar Sixty-two and half Cents per quarter, payable in advance, on the first meeting in January, April, July and October respectively; any Brother allowing his dues to exceed the amount of one dollar sixty-two and half cents, shall not be entitled to any claim, or benefit, until six weeks after such dues are paid in full; any Brother in arrears to the above amount is not in "Good Standing."

## MEETINGS.

No. 9.—This Lodge shall hold its regular meetings every Tuesday evening, from the 1st October to the 1st April at 7.30 o'clock, and from the 1st April to the 1st October at 8 o'clock P.M.

No. 10.—Degree Meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday in each month, after the regular Lodge meeting is closed, and no new business shall be brought forward, nor initiation allowed on the same evening.

No. 11.—Rebekah Degree meetings shall be called specially by the N. G., on the second Friday in each month at 8 o'clock P.M.

## DEGREES.

No. 12.—Any Brother having been one month in membership, shall be eligible for degrees, but not more than three can be conferred on any Brother at one meeting, unless under dispensation from the G. M., or his deputy.

No. 13.—Any Brother in "Good Standing" desiring degrees, shall be proposed and seconded in open Lodge, the proposer paying into the P. S. the sum of

Two Dollars each for the White, Pink and Blue, and Three Dollars each for the Green and Scarlet Degrees; the candidate shall then be balloted for, when the Lodge is open, in the degree applied for, in the same manner as specified in By-Law No. 4.

No. 14.—Any Scarlet Member in "Good Standing," desirous to receive the Degree of Rebekah, may receive the same at any meeting of that Degree; if desirous that it should be conferred upon his Wife, he shall give previous notice of the same in open Lodge, after which, she may receive it at any meeting of that Degree.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS, &C.

No. 15.—The elective officers of this Lodge, shall be, Degree Master, Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for a semi-annual term of office, on the last meetings in the months of December and June in each year, by ballot, and must each receive a majority of all the votes given, to entitle him to election: Provided always, that where only one Brother is in nomination for an office, the N. G. shall declare him duly elected, without proceeding to ballot; all nominations to take place on the two Lodge meetings previous to the election.

No. 16.—A Brother, to be nominated for D. M., must be a P. G., for the office of Noble Grand, must be a Vice Grand, Past Vice Grand, or Past Grand, who has been a full term out of the N. G.'s. chair; for the office of Vice Grand, a Secretary or Past Secretary, Treasurer or Past Treasurer, or a Brother who has completed, or is then serving a second term in some appointed office, who has obtained the Scarlet Degree:

Provided always, that if all nominated decline on the night of election, further nominations shall be in order.

No. 17.—No nomination shall be held as valid on proceeding to election, unless the Brother nominated be present, or has sent to the Lodge a written notice of his willingness to accept such office if elected.

No. 18.—All elective officers, with the Warden and O. Guardian, must have attained the Scarlet Degree, and must be clear of all charges on the books of the Lodge at the time of installation.

No. 19.—Before proceeding to open the poll for an election of officers, the N. G. shall appoint two Brothers of the Scarlet Degree, in good standing, to be tellers, whose duty it shall be to guard the ballot, and allow no Brother to vote until his name has been called by the P. S. from the roll of Brothers entitled to vote by these By-Laws, to count the votes given, and make return thereof to the N. G. who shall declare the result to the Lodge, and said tellers shall, in no case, count any blank as a vote.

No. 20.—As soon as each ballot is completed, the N. G. shall declare it closed, and no vote shall be received thereafter; if there be no majority for a candidate at any ballot, a new one shall forthwith be held, the name of the candidate having received the smallest number of votes being withdrawn by the N. G.

No. 21.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. S., L. S. S., Chaplain and Librarian, who shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his installation; together with the R. S. V. G., and L. S. V. G., who shall be appointed by the V. G. immediately after his installation.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

No. 22. — It shall be the duty of the Junior P. G. of the Lodge to attend regularly the meetings of the Lodge, and to act in the capacity of sitting P. G. for the term; to deliver the Charge of that office at initiations, or see that the same be done; to register, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age, and residence of every orphan child, receiving benefits from the funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interests; to visit them, if residing in the city of London, or within three miles thereof, at least once a month; to report their condition to the Lodge, whenever occasion may require; and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

No. 23. — It shall be the duty of the D. M. to preside at all Degree Meetings, and confer Degrees upon any Brother who may require them, upon production of a certificate from the P. S. of his Lodge, that he is in good standing, and has paid for the Degrees applied for.

No. 24. — It shall be the duty of the N. G. to preside in the Lodge, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and Laws, and a proper respect for the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West; to see that all Officers of the Lodge, and members of Committee perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the respective charges and laws; to take care that all fines not requiring the vote of the Lodge for their imposition, be punctually charged on the Books of the P. S.; to exercise a vigilant supervision in regard to all irregularities, subjecting Brothers to fine or other

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penalty at the vote of the Lodge, and to bring the same officially, whenever known to him, under the consideration of the Lodge, without fear or favour; to take charge of the Charter of the Lodge, and to have it always in the Lodge while in session; to summon special meetings whenever he may consider it necessary, or when requested to do so by any five members of the Lodge in good standing; to appoint all Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for; to name to fill all vacancies occurring in committees; to ascertain and announce to the Lodge the result of all ballotings and other votes, except ballots for membership; to give the casting vote whenever requisite, on any matter or question before the Lodge; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-laws to every Brother on his admission; to examine the Treasurer's Pass-Book, and see that the money received the previous Lodge night be regularly entered therein by the Bank Agent or Clerk; to ascertain from the P. S. previous to closing the Lodge, the amount of receipts since last Lodge night, and from the Treasurer whether he has received the same; to cause the Secretary to invite Brothers to attend the funeral of every deceased Brother; to take charge of such funeral in the absence of competent relations, and to receive account of and regulate the disbursements; to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums voted by the Lodge, or necessary for the payment of any benefits provided for by these Laws; to invest, and otherwise take general charge of all invested funds of the Lodge, in conjunction with the V. G. and Secretary as Trustees; to act as chairman of the Visiting Committee, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office, by the Constitution or By-

laws of this Lodge, or by the Charges and Usages of the Order, and shall not make or second any motion, nor take part in any debate while in the Chair.

No. 25.—It shall be the duty of the V. G. to assist the N. G. while presiding in the Lodge, and in his absence to take the Chair, or cause the same to be done by a P. G. ; to appoint his own Supporters, and a minority of all Committees on Character ; to assist in the examination of the ballot-box at elections for membership, and declare the result thereof to the Lodge ; to assist the N. G. in the investing and charge of all invested funds of the Lodge ; to act as a member of the Visiting Committee, and whenever the N. G. may be absent, as its Chairman ; to take special charge of the door, under the N. G. ; and to perform such other duties as are required by the Charges and Usages of the Order.

No. 26.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge ; to take charge of and safely keep the Seal of the Lodge ; to keep carefully and in good order all books, papers, and other properties belonging to his office, and to deliver up the same in like good order, for his successor ; to fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge ; to write and duly despatch all communications, and punctually to issue all notices required by order of the N. G., or of the Lodge ; to inform all rejected candidates of the fact of their rejection, in cases where the Brothers proposing such candidates may decline to do so, but without disclosing any other circumstance or proceeding connected therewith ; to examine the Black Book in reference to all nominations for membership, and to acquaint the Com-

mittee on Character in each case with the result of such examination; to attest warrants for all monies ordered to be paid at regular meetings, and none other; to advise punctually the P. S. of all votes of the Lodge imposing any assessment, or imposing or remitting any fine, and also of all fines otherwise incurred by any Brother; to assist the N. G. and V. G. in the investing and charge of all invested funds of the Lodge; to make out, at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge, a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term; and to perform all such other duties appertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Lodge, or by his Charge.

No. 27.—It shall be the duty of the P. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members; to charge and collect punctually all dues, charges, assessments and fines, and to report to the Lodge, from time to time, the names of all Brothers who may neglect to pay the same, when duly notified; to notify in particular, by means of a written or printed circular, every Brother who may be in arrear at the close of the second week in each quarterly term, of the amount due by him; also to notify any Brother who is either eleven or seventeen months in arrear, of the penalty thereby incurred, by means of a written or printed notice; to advise the Lodge from time to time of the names of all Brothers being in arrear either Twelve or Eighteen months, that the penalties thereby incurred may be carried into effect; to receive all monies due to the Lodge; to pay over all monies received by him, for the Lodge, to the Treasurer, taking his receipt; to make out at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge, a full report of all the financial proceedings of the

Lodge during such term; also a financial statement for the Lodge; to have his books and statements made up within six days after the last meeting in each term, and deliver up to his successor; or the Lodge, all properties of his office, and for such services duly performed, he shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum.

No. 28.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P.S., all monies of the Lodge, and carefully to deal with the same, in such manner as may be required by the By-Laws or vote of the Lodge, duly passed in conformity therewith; to pay all cheques signed by the N. G., if drawn on account of Benefits due under these laws; also all cheques signed by the N. G., and attested by the R. Secretary, but no others; to keep correct account of all monies coming into his hands; to invest all monies in his hands above the amount of Twenty Dollars, in the Savings Bank; to lay before the Lodge a statement of its funds, whenever required; to have his books made up within six days after the last meeting in each term, and to deliver up, when called upon, all monies, bonds, papers, books, or other property of the Lodge, to his successor in office, or the Lodge.

No. 29.—At his installation in office, the Treasurer shall give with two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge, a joint and several Bond to the N. G. and V. G., for the term during which he is to serve, under such penalties and on such conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge.

No. 30.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to act as Chairman of the Property Committee; and to perform such other duties as are laid down in the charge of his office.

No. 31.—It shall be the duty of the Outside Guardian to keep the ante-rooms and Lodge room clean and comfortable, and shall hold keys for his own use; he shall assist the W. in placing and replacing the regalia; attend to lighting and heating the rooms; have the doors opened in proper time, for any meetings of the Lodge; and for such services, he shall receive Twenty-five Cents per night from the 1st April to the 1st October, and Thirty-seven and half Cents per night from the 1st October to the 1st April.

No. 32.—The Chaplain, when present, shall assist in opening and closing the Lodge, according to the requirement of his office.

No. 33.—Every Officer, (with the exception of the sitting P. G. of the quarter,) who may be required to state his duties, or to deliver any Charge in the Lodge, shall commit his part to memory, within four weeks from the time of his installation.

No. 34.—Any Officer, charged with improper conduct in office, or conducts unbecoming an Odd Fellow, may be suspended, or dismissed from office, by a vote of two-thirds of the Brothers of the Lodge present and voting on any motion to that effect: Provided always, that no such motion be put to the vote at any meeting, whether regular or special, unless formal notice have been given thereof, by two Brothers of the Lodge in good standing, at the regular meeting next preceding, and written or printed notices of such motion have been sent in consequence, [as it is hereby required that in such case they shall be,] at least eight hours previous to such meeting, to every Brother of the Lodge resident in town.

No. 35.—For absence during more than four successive meetings, any Officer may be dismissed, as authorised by the Constitution, by vote of a majority of the Brothers of the Lodge present and voting, whenever a motion to that effect may be made. Any Officer, so dismissed, shall forthwith surrender, on demand to that effect, to the N. G. or to such P. G. as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, monies and other properties of the Lodge, which may be in his hands.

No. 36.—On the occurrence of a vacancy in any elective office, the N. G., or, if the office of N. G. be vacant, the V. G. shall cause written or printed notices thereof to be forthwith issued to every Brother of the Lodge residing in town; and the Lodge shall proceed forthwith to elect a Brother to fill such vacancy, at the regular meeting next following the issue of such notices, (provided the said meeting take place at least eight hours after their delivery,) or at any special meeting which may be duly convened by such notices. And on the occurrence of a vacancy in any appointed office, other than that of Chaplain, the same shall be forthwith filled by the appointment of a qualified Brother, by the N. G. or V. G., as the case may require.

#### COMMITTEES, &C.

No. 37.—The N. G., upon the night of his installation, shall appoint, (subject to the approval of the Lodge,) the following Standing Committees to serve for the current term, viz. :—a Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee, and a Property Committee.

No. 38.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of seven members, viz. :—V. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N.

G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., W., and C., together with the N. G., who shall be chairman, *ex officio*.

No. 39.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit every sick Brother of this Lodge within twenty-four hours after receiving information of his illness, provided he be in the city of London, or within one mile thereof; and to render to every sick Brother of his Lodge, such other aid as the Law provides, and as his case may require and admit. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of this Committee to make such arrangements as that sick Brothers of the Lodge, if within one mile of the city of London, shall be visited, at least once a day, during their illness, by one or more members of the Committee; to keep a correct roll of the names and residences of all the Brothers of the Lodge, for the use of the Committee; and, whenever circumstances may require it, to call upon so many of the Brothers, in order as they stand on such roll, as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of two Brothers to watch nightly with any sick Brother. In cases of contagious or infectious disease, it shall not be incumbent on members of the Committee personally to visit the sick Brother; and, should attendance be required, instead of calling upon Brothers, as above provided, the Committee shall employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge.

No. 40.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to superintend the financial affairs of the Lodge, to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them by the Lodge, at the regular meeting next following the reference of such accounts; and to audit, quarterly, the accounts of the P. S. and Treasurer for

the previous quarter, and of all other officers or Committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of monies of the Lodge.

No. 41.—The Property Committee shall consist of the W., O. G., and three Brothers. It shall be their duty to take charge of all Regalia and other effects of the Lodge, not specially entrusted to particular officers, or to other Committees; to procure for the Lodge such articles as may be necessary, or as the Lodge may direct; to cause to be made such repairs to the Regalia or other properties of the Lodge, as to them may seem requisite, or as the Lodge may direct; and to make a full report of their proceedings at the last meeting in each term.

No. 42.—It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee, appointed under By-Law No. 4, to ascertain carefully, the age, state of health, profession, habits and character of the candidate proposed; also, if the candidate is married, as to the health of his wife, and report to the Lodge at the next meeting, unless otherwise instructed.

No. 43.—Any Committee, or members of Committee, failing to discharge their duty, may be dismissed by vote of the Lodge

#### CARDS.

No. 44.—Any Brother in "Good Standing," by motion duly carried in open Lodge, may obtain a Travelling Card, on paying all dues and charges for the period for which such card may be granted.

No. 45.—Any Brother in "Good Standing," intending to withdraw from the Lodge, must signify the same in open Lodge, either personally, by letter, or by

a Brother, and shall, on vote of the Lodge duly carried, be entitled to a Withdrawal Card, provided he has paid up all charges against him.

No. 46.—For every Card issued, there shall be charged the sum of Thirty Cents ; and all dues and charges which are or may become due under such cards, shall be deposited with the P. S. before any motion be put to the Lodge for granting such card.

## BENEFITS.

No. 47.—Every Brother who has been a member of the Lodge for six months, in good standing, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation by sickness or misfortune, not proceeding from immorality on his part, shall be entitled to receive the following benefits during his sickness or incapacity, viz., if a Scarlet Member, Three Dollars per week ; if a Royal Blue Member, Two-and-a-half Dollars per week, otherwise Two Dollars per week, and a medical or other certificate shall be required, in every case not under the direct supervision of the N. G. or V. G. ; and no benefit shall be held to be due for more than one week previous to such case being reported to the Lodge, unless ordered otherwise by the Lodge.

No. 48.—If such Brother be resident, or if his sickness or disability as aforesaid occur, at a distance from London, it shall be necessary that a statement or statements of his case, setting forth the nature of his sickness or disability, the time of its commencement and its duration, be transmitted to the N. G. of this Lodge, certified by the N. G. of the Lodge, nearest to the place where he may be for the time resident or detained, and under the seal of such Lodge ; or if he

be not near to any Lodge, by a Justice of the Peace, or Clergyman, or respectable Physician; and such Brother shall thereupon receive the benefit provided by the preceding Law. In case such Brother shall leave London, while in receipt of benefit as aforesaid, it shall rest with the Lodge, by vote, to decide whether or not the circumstances of the case are such as to require the continuance of such benefit during his absence from London.

No. 49.—On the decease of any Member in "Good Standing" there shall be allowed the sum of Forty Dollars, and on the decease of the wife of any Member in "Good Standing," the sum of Twenty Dollars, to assist in defraying the funeral expenses, under the charge of the N. G., in accordance with the Laws and Usages of the Order.

No. 50.—The widow of any deceased Member in "Good Standing" at the time of death, shall receive from the funds of the Lodge, the sum of Forty Dollars per annum, payable quarterly during the widowhood. Should any deceased Brother leave no widow, or should his widow afterwards die, the said yearly sum of Forty Dollars shall be paid in like manner for the benefit of his orphan child or children—if any there be—under the age of fifteen years; the interest of each such child in such benefit ceasing, as he or she shall attain the age of fifteen years, unless, in the case of any female child or children, it be otherwise ordered by the Lodge; should circumstances require it, the Lodge may withdraw from the widow of a deceased Brother the benefit, and grant the same to his orphans, under the proviso above set forth. Should the widow of such deceased Brother marry

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again, while any child or children of such Brother shall still be under the age of fifteen years, it shall be optional with the Lodge to grant such benefit, or any part thereof to such child or children; and should the family of such deceased Brother be in need of a protector or guardian, the Lodge shall, to the best of its power, protect and assist them, and endeavour to place them in such a position as may enable them to be useful to themselves and to society.

No. 51.—Whenever it may become known to the Lodge that any Brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress by any sudden or unlooked-for dispensation, his case shall be referred to a Special Committee of three Brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report to the Lodge whether any, and what sum, in their opinion, should be granted for his relief, from the funds of the Lodge; and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Brothers present, to grant him any sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars. If a member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, on the presentation of his card, his case shall be referred to the N. G. and one or more Members of the Scarlet Degree, who shall examine him; if found correct, they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding Three Dollars, and shall report the same to the Lodge at the next meeting, when, if necessary, such further sum, on motion, may be voted as shall be deemed proper, which sum or sums shall be charged to the Lodge to which such Member relieved belongs.

#### FUNDS.

No. 52.—There shall be two Funds of this Lodge—the Widow and Orphans' Fund, and the General

Fund—the former chargeable with all benefits to Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers, the latter chargeable with all other benefits and expenses of the Lodge. There shall be placed to the credit of the Widow and Orphans' Fund one-third of all dues, all fines, and any assessment made for the purpose. All other monies shall be placed to the credit of the General Fund.

#### ASSESSMENTS.

No. 53.—This Lodge shall make an equal assessment on all its Members, whenever the state of its funds require it, provided written or printed notice of such be given to every Member in "Good Standing," at least forty-eight hours previous to such assessment being levied.

#### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS, &C.

No. 54.—All investments of monies of the Lodge, which the Lodge may not deem it necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer, to meet its ordinary disbursements, shall be made either in the stock of some chartered Bank or Banks of this Province, or in some public stock of the Province, or other stock, fully guaranteed by Act of Parliament thereof. All such investments, and all transfers and sales thereof, or of any part thereof, shall be made in the name of the Trustees of the Lodge, from time to time, as the Lodge may direct, by the N. G., V. G., and Secretary, for the time being, and under the seal of the Lodge. All monies of the Lodge, above the sum of Twenty Dollars, not invested as aforesaid, shall be placed by the Treasurer forthwith, after he shall have received the same, on deposit, in the name of the

Lodge, in the City of London Savings Bank, to draw such interest as he may be able to obtain thereon.

No. 55.—No motion in any way relating to the investment or withdrawal of the invested funds of the Lodge shall be put to the vote at any meeting, until two weeks notice thereof shall have been given by the mover.

No. 56.—No motion for the expenditure of monies belonging to the Lodge, above the amount of Twenty Dollars, except for the payment of benefits or relief, as ordered by these By-laws, shall be put to vote until three weeks notice thereof shall have been given by the mover.

#### DISABILITIES.

No. 57.—No Brother shall be permitted to speak or vote in Lodge upon the night of his initiation, nor unless he is in full regalia, nor while under charges duly preferred against him, unless upon such charges.

No. 58.—No Brother shall be entitled to any benefits during the first six months after his initiation; nor, if he has been suspended or expelled, until three months after he has been re-instated.

No. 59.—No Brother, while under charges duly preferred against him, shall be entitled to any benefit, but if acquitted on such charges, shall forthwith be entitled to all benefits that he might have been entitled to, if no such charges had been made.

No. 60.—No Brother, who is thirteen weeks in arrears for Lodge dues, or any other charges to the same amount, shall be entitled to any benefit, until six weeks after such arrears are paid in full, unless under special vote of the Lodge to that effect.

## BY-LAWS.

## FINES.

No. 61.—Any Brother offending against any of these By-laws or Rules of Order, shall be fined Twenty-five Cents for every offence, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge.

No. 62.—Any Brother failing to report the sickness of a Brother to the N. G. or the Lodge, within twenty-four hours after it has come to his knowledge, shall be fined Twenty-five Cents for every offence.

No. 63.—Any Brother failing to watch with a sick Brother when summoned to do so, shall be fined One Dollar for every offence.

No. 64.—A member of any Committee failing to discharge any duty incumbent on him, shall be fined for every offence not less than Twenty-five Cents, nor more than One Dollar, on vote of the Lodge to that effect.

No. 65.—Any officer of the Lodge failing to discharge his duty, shall be fined, if elective, Fifty Cents, if appointed, Twenty-five Cents, for each offence.

No. 66.—The P. S. shall charge Brothers with all fines incurred, when ordered to do so by the N. G. or the Lodge.

## SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

No. 67.—Any Brother being twelve calendar months in arrear, on the books of the P. S., shall forthwith, upon due report thereof to the Lodge, be declared by the N. G. to be suspended from membership; unless, on account of any special circumstances, the Lodge see fit, by vote, to grant a further term for payment; but such further term shall on no account exceed three

calendar months. Any Brother being eighteen calendar months in arrear, on the books of the P. S., shall forthwith upon due report thereof to the Lodge, be declared by the N. G. to have ceased to be a member; unless, on account of any special circumstances, the Lodge see fit, by vote to grant a further term for payment; but such further term shall on no account exceed six calendar months.

No. 68.—Any Brother guilty of language or conduct in Lodge, meriting, in the opinion of the Lodge, a severer penalty than a fine; or who shall bring charges against a Brother on evidence which the Lodge shall not regard as sufficient to warrant him in so doing; or who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualifications of any candidate for admission; or who shall abuse, or attempt to abuse, in any way, the benevolent intentions of the Order; or who shall be guilty of fraud in any business transactions, or of other dishonorable conduct, or of habitual drunkenness or immorality, or of infraction of the laws of the land, shall be suspended from membership, or expelled, as the Lodge may, by vote, determine.

No. 69.—No brother shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while suspended from membership; nor shall any sentence of suspension be considered to expire, or reversed, unless by special vote of the Lodge to that effect; and no motion to that end shall be put to vote more than once, in the case of any individual, in any one quarterly term; nor unless at a regular meeting, and after formal notice thereof, at the two regular meetings next preceding; nor, if the suspension have been pronounced for any fixed term, before the close of such term; nor shall any vote take effect until after

the Brother shall have paid up all dues to the Lodge, charged or chargeable against him, as well during his term of suspension as previous thereto.

No. 70.—If any member of this Lodge shall disclose the rejection of a candidate for initiation, or for admission by card, he shall be subject to expulsion, or such other punishment as the majority of the Lodge may determine; and whenever such rejections occur, this Clause shall be read in the Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary, [should the Brother who proposed the candidate decline,] to inform such person of his rejection, without disclosing any other circumstance or proceeding of the Lodge.

#### REGALIA AND JEWELS.

No. 71.—The Regalia and Jewels of this Lodge shall be in accordance with the Constitution, and the Usages of the Grand Lodge.

No. 72.—Every Brother shall supply himself with suitable Regalia within two months after his admission to the Scarlet Degree.

#### LIBRARY.

No. 73.—The Library being the result of donations by Brothers, shall be free to all, and shall be under the control of the Librarian appointed by the N. G., who shall have full charge of it; be held accountable for the Books in his charge, subject always to the control of the Lodge.

No. 74.—The Librarian shall charge a fine of five cents for any book being kept out longer than the time specified in such book, which fine shall be appropriated to the use of the Library.

## AMENDMENTS.

No. 75.—No motion to repeal, suspend, or amend these By-laws, Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall be put to vote until the same shall have been read in Lodge at three consecutive regular meetings; nor shall the consideration of, or the voting upon, any such motion be postponed after such third reading, unless by vote of the Lodge: nor shall such motion be declared to prevail unless, upon the final division thereon, two-thirds of the Brothers present and voting shall vote in favor of it.



## RULES OF ORDER.



**RULE 1.**—No special motion shall be offered in Lodge otherwise than in writing.

**RULE 2.**—No question shall be put to the Lodge by the N. G., unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be the motion,—1. To adjourn; 2. To lay on the table; 3. To put the previous question; 4. To postpone; 5. To refer, or, 6. To amend; and these several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated; and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

**RULE 3.**—The motion for the Previous Question shall only be put by the N. G. when made by four Brothers, and shall always be stated by him in these words, "SHALL THE MAIN QUESTION BE NOW PUT?" and such Question shall forthwith be decided without debate, by the vote of the majority of the Brothers present and voting; and, if carried in the affirmative, shall cut off all amendments to the Main Motion, and all further debate.

**RULE 4.**—Any Brother may require the division of a Question, when the sense will admit of it.

**RULE 5.**—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or longest time, proposed.

**RULE 6.**—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any Brother, duly seconded.

**RULE 7.**—After any Question, except that of indefinite postponement, may have been decided, any two Brothers, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof; but no discussion of the Main Question shall be allowed upon such motion.

**RULE 8.**—Every Brother of the Lodge shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question; but not oftener, unless by permission of the N. G.

**RULE 9.**—Any Brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place and respectfully address the N.G., confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities: and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the N. G. shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

**RULE 10.**—The N. G., or any other Brother, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and in such case the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of Order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of Order, unless it be to make necessary application, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

**RULE 11.**—In all cases where a Brother may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary

explanation:—"N. G., I RESPECTFULLY APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR TO THE LODGE;" and the Lodge shall thereupon proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question, "WILL THE LODGE SUSTAIN THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR?"

RULE 12.—Any Brother, who may have been called to Order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the N. G.

RULE 13.—The N. G., or the Lodge, may at any time require all Brothers present to vote upon any pending question; or may excuse any Brother or Brothers from doing so.

RULE 14.—No Brother shall retire, during a meeting of the Lodge, without the permission of the N. G.

RULE 15.—A motion to suspend any of these Rules of Order for the remainder of a meeting, may at any time be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as ten Brothers call upon the Lodge, to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Brothers present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend any Rule of Order for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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No. 1.—The calling of the roll of officers.

No. 2.—The reading of the minutes of last meeting ; the confirming or amending thereof ; the consideration of any excuses offered for absence at previous meetings.

No. 3.—Does any Brother know of a sick Brother, or a Brother in distress ? Report of Visiting Committee received.

No. 4.—The consideration of previous proposals for Membership ; Investigating Committee report received ; Ballot taken on candidates.

No. 5.—Candidates to be admitted.

No. 6 —Has any Brother a friend to propose to become a member of this Lodge ?

No. 7.—Unfinished business appearing on the minutes ; the receiving of any Special Reports, ordered at previous meetings ; the disposal of any business unfinished at previous meetings ; the election of officers on the evenings designated for that purpose.

No. 8.—Has any Brother anything anything to offer for the good of this Order ? the receiving and consideration of Reports from any officer of the Lodge ; the receiving and consideration of Reports from any Committee ; the reading and consideration of accounts and communications ; New Business.

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